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TAGS: EINV, EG, US
SUBJ: VISIT TO EGYPT OF COCA COLA PRESIDENT

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1. AYOUB AND AUSTIN DEPARTED JANUARY 11 AFTER HAVING
SEEN PRES. SADAT, PM SALIM AND EX-MINHOUSING AND
RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN. AYOUB DID NOT VISIT OR CALL EMBASSY
DESPITE OUR REPEATED EFFORTS TO GET IN TOUCH, PERHAPS DUE TO
ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR. HE TOLD EMBOFF DURING BRIEF
CONVERSATION AT SOCIAL FUNCTION, HOWEVER, THAT TALKS WENT
WELL, IMPLYING SOLUTION OF BOYCOTT PROBLEM WAS ON TRACK.

2. ENGLISH -LANGUAGE DAILY NOTED JANUARY 12 SADAT'S MEETING
WITH AUSTIN PREVIOUS DAY. AUSTIN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING
TO NEWSPAPER "OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE PRIVATE AND HAVE NO
CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH REOPERATING (SIC) IN EGYPT".
PRESS ARTICLE CITED AUSTIN'S FRIENDSHIP WITH PRESIDENT-
ELECT CARTER AND SPECULATED WHETHER HIS TRIP MAY HAVE BEEN
IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RELATIONSHIP. ARABIC PRESS
DID NOT TAKE NOTE OF VISIT.

3. YOUSSEF NABIH, LOCAL ACCOUNTANT WHO HAS
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REPRESENTED COCA COLA IN CAIRO FOR SOME TIME, TOLD
US JANUARY 11 THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE VISIT OF AUSTIN
HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF COMPANY'S OBJECTIVE
OF RESOLVING BOYCOTT PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THAT HE
DID NOT HAVE DETAILS ON THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
SADAT. ON BASIS OF WHAT HE HEARD ABOUT AUSTIN'S
MEETING WITH SALIM, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY NO PROGRESS

WAS MADE ON BOYCOTT MATTER. NABIH SPECULATED THAT VISIT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND THAT ATTENDANT PUBLICITY WOULD BE LIKELY TO ROUSE LOCAL AND ARAB OPPOSITION TO ANY RELAXATION OF BOYCOTT ON PART OF EGYPT. NABIH SAID THAT RED CARPET TREATMENT OF AUSTIN, INCLUDING SADAT APPOINTMENT, WAS BASED ON GOE'S PERCEPTION OF AUSTIN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH PRES. - ELECT, THE POINT STRESSED IN PRESS ACCOUNT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING WHATEVER DEPT MAY LEARN FROM AYOUN ON RESULTS OF TRIP.
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